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To Whom it May Concern:

I am requesting an Advisory Opinion from the Louisiana Board of Ethics to determine if I can hold a part-time job as a structural pest control technician with Keppco Commercial Pest Control Company, P.O. Box 82280, Baton Rouge, LA 70884. A structural technician works under/for a licensed structural pest control owner/operator.

I retired from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry on August 15, 2020 after 30 years of service. From April 1, 2017 until my retirement, I served as the Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (AES). This position is statutorily responsible for the supervision and direction of the various programs administered by the office of AES and has a seat on the Louisiana Structural Pest Control Commission.

One of the divisions under AES, Pesticide and Environmental Programs, regulates the structural pest control industry. This regulation includes testing, licensing, certification, compliance review, complaint investigation, violation adjudication, etc. Although the Assistant Commissioner has oversight, the Pesticide Division has a director that administers the programs within that division on a day-to-day basis.

For your information, Keppco Pest Control was licensed and in good-standing several years before I became the Assistant Commissioner for AES and never came before the Structural Pest Control Commission while I was a member.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I am available to answer any questions if needed.

Sincerely,



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